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Attorney Docket No.: OMRNP015

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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR. § 1.55)**

(Regular application claiming priority of a foreign application)

Commissioner for Patents

Box Patent Application

Washington, DC 20231

Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR. § 1.55 in the name of inventors:  
**Norihiro Imai, Hiromi Ishihara, Kei Takahashi and Noriaki Suzuki**

For: **BACK LIGHT CONTROL METHOD AND DISPLAY DEVICE**

Priority of prior Japan Application No. 2001-023641 filed on January 31, 2001 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 1.55.

Application Elements:

- ☒ **11** Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract  
☒ **5** Sheets of informal Drawings  
☐ Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney  
☐ Separate Declaration

Accompanying Application Parts:

- ☐ Do not publish this application. Nonpublication Request is attached.  
☐ Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of \$40.00 enclosed)  
☐ Separate Power of Attorney by Assignee  
☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee  
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Claim For Foreign Priority

- ☒ Priority of Japan Application No. 2001-023641 filed on January 31, 2001 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.
- ☐ The certified copy is enclosed. ☒ The certified copy will follow.

- ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

"This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. filed on , the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference."

Fee Calculation (37 CFR § 1.16)

- ☐ Applicant is entitled to Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

- ☒ **PLEASE DEFER FILING FEES AT THIS TIME.**

- ☐ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees beyond the amount enclosed which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. ).

General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time (37 CFR §1.136)

- ☒ Applicants hereby make and generally authorize any Petitions for Extensions of Time as may be needed for any subsequent filings. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fees under 37 CFR §1.17 as may be needed to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. OMRNP015).

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